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DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO
CONSTRUCT AN AIR POLLUTION-EMITTING SOURCE**

SUBJECT: Proposed permit to construct an air pollution-emitting source and proposed action.
Project No.P-050312: Agrium Conda Phosphate, Soda Springs.

PURPOSE: The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (Department) has scheduled a public hearing with an accompanying public comment period under Docket No. 10AP-0512 concerning the air quality aspects of the project application and the proposed action.

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 58.01.01.209, Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho, notice is hereby given that Agrium Conda Phosphate, Soda Springs, Idaho has applied to the Department for a permit to construct an air pollution source located at 7 miles north of Soda Springs, 1.2 miles east of Highway 34, Idaho. Notice is also given that a public hearing has been scheduled with an accompanying public comment period. These actions are authorized pursuant to Sections 39-105(3)(a), 39-105(3)(j), 39-110, 39-115(1), Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: The public hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. MDT, June 23 in the Soda Springs City Hall, Council Chamber located at 9 West 2nd South in Soda Springs, Idaho.

The meeting site will be accessible to the physically disabled. Interpreters can be provided upon five days notice for persons with hearing impairments. For arrangements, contact the undersigned at (208) 373-0234. Braille or taped transcripts can be provided after the meeting for persons with visual impairments.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Agrium Conda Phosphate produces phosphate based fertilizer. They are applying for permit to construct a new phosphor gypsum stack.

PROPOSED ACTION: The Department has reviewed the application and completed a preliminary analysis of the information submitted by the applicant. The Department has tentatively determined that construction of the proposed permit to construct will not cause or significantly contribute to a violation of any ambient air quality standard and will not injure or unreasonably affect human or animal life or vegetation.

Based on this analysis, the Department proposes to issue a permit to construct to Agrium Conda Phosphate.

AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS: A package containing the information submitted by the applicant, the Department's analysis, and the proposed action is available for public review at the following locations:

DEQ State Office
1410 N. Hilton
Boise, Idaho

DEQ Regional Office
444 Hospital Way, #300
Pocatello, Idaho

Soda Springs Library
149 S. Main
Soda Springs, Idaho

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS:

Anyone may submit written comment regarding the project and proposed action. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include support materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Joan Lechtenberg, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255, jlechten@deq.state.id.us, or (208) 373-0234. Please reference the company name and docket number when sending comments or requesting information.

For technical assistance on questions concerning this project or the permitting process, please contact Dan Pitman at (208) 373-0502 or dpitman@deq.state.id.us.

All written comments and data concerning this proposal must be directed to and received by the undersigned on or before 5:00 p.m.MDT, July 5, 2005.

DATED this 27th day of May 2005.

Joan Lechtenberg
Air Quality Division